

Building Sustainable Partnerships: Libraries as Partners in Creating and Supporting Campus Green Teams

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Green Teams

- Getting campus green teams started seemed like an impossible challenge.
- Successful early implementation of library green teams, inspired the University of Utah Sustainability Resource Center to seek out and partner with the main and health sciences libraries to begin developing a network of green teams.

Libraries as Sustainability Partners

- Libraries have **connections** with colleges, departments, centers, divisions and units across campus.
- Libraries contribute **collaboration, organizing, and sharing** expertise.
- Educational opportunities** developed collaboratively with/by the libraries made available campus-wide.
- Library-hosted gatherings** support collective problem solving, incubate new ideas, and improve information dissemination.
- Libraries serve as **living laboratories** highlighting sustainable practices.

Recovery Program

Recovery:	Aug '13	Sep '13	Oct '13	Nov '13	Dec '13	Jan '14	Total
Subtotal - Adult	\$ 3.23	537	363	454	500	519	542
Subtotal - Infant	\$ 5.38	14	0	5	15	9	22
Subtotal - Cuff	\$ 2.00	844	568	514	581	516	609
Total	1195	961	873	1101	1044	1173	16,301.20

Biohazard Waste Expense

Line graph showing expense trends from 2012 to 2014. The graph shows a general upward trend with some fluctuations.

Campus Green Teams

Website screenshot showing a search bar and navigation links. The page title is "Why Have Green Teams?".

Sustainability Resource Center

- Supports sustainability-related academic programs, curricula, teaching, training, and student-engagement initiatives.
- Promotes the campus as a living sustainable laboratory.
- Facilitates interdisciplinary sustainability research by assisting in procuring funding.
- Community liaison on sustainability.

Lessons Learned

- Leadership commitment → success!
- One size doesn't fit all. OK to customize!
- Metrics work!
- Ask "Is this sustainable?" Make a plan. If it doesn't work, make a New Plan!
- Incorporate sustainability into existing workflows. MAKE IT EASY!

Partnerships

- Inspiring new green teams and projects.
- Building new relationships/collaborations.
- Increasing visibility of the libraries and the center - providing new ways to showcase our services and expertise.